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Hearing: Katrina “Lessons Learned” Legislation

WHO: Committee on Homeland Security
Chairman Peter King (R-NY)

WHEN: 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 9, 2006

WHERE: 311 Cannon HOB

WITNESSES

William Jenkins

Director

Homeland Security & Justice Issues
Government Accountability Office

Steve Lenkhart

Chair

Law Enforcement Steering Committee

Barry Kasinitz

Director, Governmental/Legislative Affairs
International Association of Fire Fighters

Eric Holdeman

Director

Office of Emergency Management
King County, Washington

BACKGROUND

The Committee on Homeland Security will convene a hearing on proposed legislation which will implement lessons learned in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and

Rita. Items of concern including improving our national disaster response, enhancing the Department's coordination with State, local and tribal governments, first responders and other stakeholders, and enhancing prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse.

The legislation is being sponsored by Reps. Dave Reichert (R-WA), Ranking Member Bennie Thompson (D-MS), Michael McCaul (R-TX), Bill Pascrell (D-NJ), and Bob Etheridge (D-NC).

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